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SUBJECT: FISHERIES DISPUTE: QUESTION OF US

REPRESENTATIONS TO THE UK

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C)AMBASSADOR/DCM/PINKNEY TELCONS

1. STATEMENTS BY FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN CITED REF A
ARE OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO SERVE HMG'S IMMEDIATE PURPOSE
AND SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN UNDUE CREDENCE. IN EFFECT,
CALLAGHAN CHOSE TO IGNORE THE MANY TIMES THAT WE HAVE URGED

HMG TO FIND AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO THIS EXCEEDINGLY
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DANGEROUS SITUATION -- THE LATEST OCCURRED ON FEBRUARY

18 (REFTEL B) AT THE SAME TIME THAT YOU WERE ASKED TO PASS SIMILAR CONCERNS TO THE GOI. WE HAVE ALSO PUBLICLY URGED BOTH SIDES TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH TOWARDS FAIR SETTLEMENT.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, USG IS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE

DISPUTE AND WHAT IT CAN MEAN TO NATO AND OUR DEFENSE INTERESTS IN ICELAND. THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO BE COMPLETELY EVEN-HANDED BETWEEN TWO NATIONS WITH WHOM WE

ENJOY FRIENDLY RELATIONS SHOULD NOT BE READ AS DIS-INTEREST, AS IS REPORTEDLY BEING IMPLIED. SOME OF THESE IMPLICATIONS ARE OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO IMPEL THE USG TO ABANDON ITS EVEN-HANDED POLICY AND ADOPT A MORE ACTIVIST ROLE WHICH COULD EASILY ALIENATE ONE SIDE OR

THE OTHER, AND ONLY MAKE MATTERS WORSE.

3. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE THE ABOVE AS APPROPRIATE IN TALKING TO THE GOI. IN REPLY TO ANY PUBLIC INQUIRIES YOU MAY SAY THAT THE USG REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DISPUTE AND IS HOPING THAT A SOLUTION CAN BE WORKED OUT SOON. KISSINGER

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